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SUBJ: POSSIBLE REPRISALS AGAINST PRACTICING WEST BANK
LAWYERS AND JUDGES

1. LOCAL ARABIC PRESS REPORTS JORDANIAN LAWYERS SYNDICATE IN AMMAN HAS PROPOSED TWO DRAFT LAWS OUTLINING PUNITIVE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST WEST BANK LAWYERS AND JUDGES PRACTICING IN DEFIANCE OF LAWYERS' BOYCOTT IN EFFECT IN AREA SINCE JUNE WAR. FIRST LAW WOULD DENY PRACTICING LAWYERS RIGHT TO APPEAL PRIOR DECISION EXPELLING THEM FROM SYNDICATE AND WOULD STIPULATE THAT THESE LAWYERS COULD NEVER AGAIN PRACTICE BEFORE JORDANIAN COURT ON EITHER BANK. SECOND, MORE DRASTIC, PROPOSAL WOULD DEPRIVE PRACTICING WEST BANK LAWYERS AND JUDGES OF THEIR JORDANIAN NATIONALITY AND PASSPORTS.

2. AL QUDS ALSO REPORTS THAT WEST BANK JUDGES (PRESUMABLY THOSE WHO ARE NOT PRACTICING AND ARE BEING PAID FROM AMMAN) HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO AMMAN AND WORK THERE.

3. WE ARE INFORMED BY RAMALLAH ATTORNEY AZIZ SHEHADEH AND JUDGE NIHAD JARALLAH THAT THERE ARE 60-65 LAWYERS ON WEST BANK AND IN EAST JERUSALEM, AND 24 OF THEM ARE PRACTICING. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE 22 JUDGES, HALF OF WHOM ARE PRACTICING. BOTH STRESS
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SPECULATIVE NATURE ABOVE REPORTS. NEITHER HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM. WEST BANK LEGAL COMMUNITY HAS, HOWEVER, SENT EMISSARY TO AMMAN IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY SITUATION.

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